

PALM SUNDAY 2024
"Which Jesus Do You Want?"
John 12:9-19

INTRODUCTION:

1. When we come to John chapter 12 we Jesus Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem.
2. **Vs 1a**
 - a) *"Six days before Passover"*
 - 1) This is the beginning of Passion Week.
 - 2) Events from Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday - Chart
3. John leads us through 3 Passovers in the Gospel.
 - a) It is no accident because shows us that Jesus is the Passover Lamb.
 - b) The 3rd Passover John records takes place the night before Jesus died!!
4. What is Passover?
 - a) Passover was a Jewish festival commemorating the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt.
 - 1) **Exodus 11-12**
5. **Vs 1b**
 - a) *"Jesus therefore came to Bethany...where Lazarus was..."*
 - b) *"whom Jesus raised from the dead"*
6. **Vs 9a**
 - a) *"Then a Large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there."*
7. *The Jewish people were looking and waiting for their Messiah **and this must be Him.***
 - a) Since it was Passover there must have been close to a million people in Jerusalem to celebrate.
 - 1) Historian Josephus estimates around 2 million people were there.
 - b) There were 3 festivals in Jerusalem that you did not want to miss.
 - 1) **Passover**
 - 2) **Pentecost**
 - 3) **Feast of Tabernacles**
8. **Vs 9b**
9. **This was a Passover you did not want to miss;** because Lazarus is alive and the one who raised him is going to be there.
10. **If someone could raise a man from the dead surely this was God's Messiah.**

11. BUT HERE'S WHAT'S SAD: God sends His answer to man's situation, and man doesn't like the answer God sends.

I. THE ANTICIPATION OF THE KING WE WANT

1. This massive crowd has gathered in anticipation of their Messiah.

2. Vs 12

3. Vs 13

a) "*they took branches of Palm trees*"

4. Chapter 10:22

a) "*Feast of Dedication*"

1) It originated during the "**Inter-Testamental**" period around 170 BC.

2) During this time there was a Syrian King by the name of Antiochus Epiphanes who was in power.

3) His goal was to Hellenize the Jews; that is to impose Greek Culture on them.

4) He marched into Israel and killed about 40,000 Jews and took another 40,000 of them captive and sold them into slavery.

5) Then he went into the Temple and sacrificed a Pig on the altar thereby desecrating the temple and even erected an altar of Zeus in the most Holy Place.

b) Because of this intense persecution, **pious Jews** led by a priest by the name of Mattathias and his son **Judas Maccabeus** revolted.

5. Vs 13

a) "*and they took branches of Palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, 'Hosanna!'*"

b) "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*"

1) *Psalm 118:25-26* WOW!!!!

c) **Psalms 113-118** are Psalms that speak of Israel' deliverance.

6. *Psalm 118:19*

7. *Psalm 118:25*

a) "*LORD, save us!!*" - *Hosanna!!!*

8. *Luke 19:41-42*

9. Ephesians 4:30

II. THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE KING WHO IS

1. Vs 14-15

a) *"Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it"*

1) **This is huge!!!!**

2. We are looking at Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

a) But there was another Grand Procession that came to that city.

3. It was the procession of **Pontius Pilot**.

a) He came to the city from the west from Caesaria which is in the north where he resided.

b) His job was to keep watch over the Jews and keep them in subjection to Rome.

4. When Pilot come he comes with a display of power.

5. **Zechariah 9:9**

6. Jesus came the first time in humility because man's greatest need is Salvation.

a) When Jesus come the second time He will be on a War Horse.

1) **Revelation 19:11ff**

III. THE CONFIRMATION OF THE KING WE GET

1. Vs 16a

a) *"His disciples did not understand these things at first"*

2. Vs 16b

a) *"but when Jesus was glorified"*

1) **John 14:26, 16:13**

b) *"then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to him."*

3. Jesus was a King like no other.

a) Instead of defeating His enemies by force, He conquered them by dying.

1) **Ephesians 1:19-22**

2) **Colossians 2:15**

4. Vs 17

5. Vs 18

- a) *"because the Lord had done this sign"*
- b) *John 8:31*

6. Vs 19

- a) *"So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see you are gaining nothing."*
- b) *"Look, the world has gone after Him."*

CONCLUSION:

1. The world's greatest need is not a political solution.
2. The world's greatest need is not a financial solution.
3. **THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEED IS A SPIRITUAL SOLUTION.**
 - a) A relationship with Jesus!!
 - b) *Acts 2:29-40*